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TELLS OATH BAND TOOK.

Frank Fehringer Relates Short Form of Obligation

TAKEN BY NIGHT RIDERS.

Witness Knows All Defendants and Accompanied Them on Many Raids. Men and Women Frequently Whipped Because Captain Ordered It.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Surrounded by a detail of soldiers with shotguns and revolver holsters open, Frank Fehringer, a member of the night riders, who turned state's evidence, was brought into court Monday morning to testify against his former associates of the mask. At the court room door soldiers with rifles halted. Four other soldiers armed only with revolvers took him in charge. Four armed deputy sheriffs cleared the way through the crowd in the aisles and Fehringer was led to the stand. Fehringer was one of the first members of the band and went on the first ride. He gave oath taken, as follows:

"I solemnly swear that I wish to join the Society of Night Riders and that I will never write, tell or talk about anything that happens upon rides or in conference."

This is the shorter form of the oath. Fehringer knew all the defendants and accompanied them on many rides prior to the killing of Captain Rankin. Witness gave the names of a number of men who had been whipped by riders on raids, and said often riders whipped men and women without knowing why except that the captain ordered it.

Fehringer said he got on Garrett Johnson's horse and rode all day notifying riders to meet that night and attend to Rankin and Taylor. The riders met near Johnson's that night and it included eight defendants, name by name.

Fehringer gave the story of hanging Rankin and added: "Just as they pulled the rope Bob Huffman shot him and Sam Applewhite then said: 'I know he's dead for I put a load of bicycle ball bearings in him.'"
Jesse Carter, one of the defendants and a man yet to be tried, put the rope around Rankin's neck. Just before the body fell from the tree a rider, not on trial, emptied six thirty-eight-caliber bullets into the hanging man.

RIOT NEARLY RESULTS.

Practical Joke Played Upon Young Lady Close to Proving Serious.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A practical joke played upon a young woman guest at the Auditorium Annex nearly caused a riot of chauffeurs at the hotel.

The trouble began when the young woman was told by the clerk over the house telephone: "Your car is ready." She replied that she had ordered no car. However, in quick succession, five more calls were turned in. Hotel detectives finally explained to the chauffeurs that they were not wanted. The young woman explained that recently she expressed the opinion that there was less automobiling in Chicago than in New York.

MANY MILLIONS MISSING.

Capital City of Portugal "Shy" Considerable Sum of Money.

Lisbon, Dec. 21.—The newly elected municipal council has unearthed a big scandal in the city's accounts. Over \$7,000,000 has disappeared. Former monarchical councillors admit irregularities, but lay the blame upon the government, which, they say, illegally took the city's money.

TAFT AT COLUMBUS.

Brother of President Elect Commences Contest.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Charles P. Taft of this city, brother of President Elect Taft, who is a candidate for United States senator to succeed Hon. J. B. Foraker, has gone to Columbus to open his headquarters, from which he is to carry on his contest for the office.

Mr. Taft declared there is no truth in the stories that President Roosevelt



CHARLES P. TAFT.

is opposed to his candidacy, and the latter's denial of taking part in the contest will be accepted as final.

He would not speak about the reported break between the president-elect and Congressman Burton, who is also a candidate for the senatorship.

BALES GINNED.

Figures as Given Out For This Season Up to Thirteenth Instant.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A total of 11,392,115 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to Dec. 13, against 9,284,070 at the same date last year, and 27,269, active ginneries, against 27,155 in 1907, was announced by the census bureau in its report Monday. Figures count round bales half bales and exclude linters. Bales ginned to Dec. 13, aggregated 11,112,789 in 1906 and 9,297,819 in 1905.

Total 1907 crop was 11,057,822, which of 82 per cent was ginned to Dec. 13, crop of 1906, 12,983,207, of which 85.6 per cent was ginned to Dec. 13, and crop of 1905, 10,495,105 or 88.6 per cent by Dec. 13. The report includes 215,029 round bales for 1908, 167,204 for 1907 and 243,096 for 1906. Sea Island bales included aggregate 80,187.

JURY FAILS TO AGREE.

It is the Largest Failure in the History of Kentucky.

Hawesville, Ky., Dec. 21.—After having been out since last Friday, the jury in the case of the state against James Parrish an Owensboro, Ky., banker, charged with receiving deposits when the Bank of Owensboro and Savings and Trust company were insolvent, Monday reported that it could not agree and was discharged. The alleged liability is about \$1,000,000, involved in the receivership of bank's disaster, last April and affected western Kentucky, southern Indiana and Cincinnati correspondents and depositors. It was the largest failure in the history of Kentucky.

NOTED JOURNALIST DIES

Major Orlando J. Smith, Founder American Press Association.

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Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Major Orlando Jay Smith, president and general manager of the American Press Association, died at 6:07 o'clock Sunday evening at his home on the Hudson.

Major Smith had been ill since September, at which time he was operated upon for cancer of the stomach. Through his long illness he retained his interest in daily events. He was attended by Drs. Walter B. James, Blake and Denniston.

Major Orlando Jay Smith, the founder of the American Press Association, and its president and general manager from its inception until his death, was a journalist of national reputation. To his training and guidance many of the men prominent in the newspaper world during the past two decades owe their position and fame. As head of the largest newspaper syndicate in America, Major Smith came into intimate contact with writers and journalists connected with newspapers of every grade of influence and importance. They have frequently testified to the sterling worth of his character, his own ability and his capacity for developing ability in others. His subordinates in the American Press Association, many of whom were associated with him for twenty years or more, looked up to him as an unflinching source of inspiration in their work as guide, mentor and friend.

Major Smith was born June 14, 1842, on a farm near Terre Haute, Ind., of Vermont ancestry. His father, Hiram Smith, was one of Indiana's pioneers. He sent his son to the public schools and later to Asbury college, now DePauw university. In later years the university conferred on its distinguished alumnus the degree of LL.D. At the outbreak of the civil war Major Smith enlisted. He served until the end of the war in the armies of the Potomac, Ohio and Cumberland, rising to the rank of major in the Sixth Indiana cavalry. He was wounded near Atlanta, Ga., and was taken prisoner. After confinement in a Confederate prison at Augusta, Ga., Major Smith was exchanged and rejoined his regiment. He was a member of the Loyal Legion.

After the war Major Smith engaged for three years in cotton planting near Enterprise, Miss.

Major Smith began his journalistic career at Terre Haute, Ind., as editor of the Terre Haute Mail. Later he acquired the Terre Haute Express. In 1878 he moved the latter newspaper to Chicago, continuing its publication as the Chicago Express. In 1882 he founded in Chicago the American Press Association, the monument to his fame. Later the main offices of the American Press Association were removed to New York, where they remain.

The association has branch offices throughout the country, serving thousands of newspapers. In all the association's work he was the head and front and moving spirit.

Major Smith possessed the broadest of minds. He was keenly interested in life and its problems in all their manifold phases. He found relaxation from material cares in the study and expression of religion and philosophy and economics. He embodied his views in several volumes, which have received serious attention from the world's thinkers. The most prominent of Major Smith's books are "A Short View of Great Questions," "The Coming Democracy," "Eternalism," "Balance" and "Agreement Between Science and Religion."

Major Smith added to a love of learning and study a love of nature and life in the open. He was a successful horticulturist, and his farm at Amawalk, N. Y., and his home at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., contained some

of the finest specimens of horticulture in America.

In person Major Smith was distinguished among men. Tall and well built, he bore himself with dignity and ease, and his clean shaven face bore the impress of his splendid mind. In his later years his abundant hair became silvery white, adding an indescribable charm to his appearance. His manner was kindly and genial, without effusion. He had a keen sense of justice, to which testimony is borne

by a host of employees, in whose welfare he took an active interest.

Major Smith is survived by a widow, two daughters and a son. The last named, Courtland Smith, is vice president and assistant general manager of the American Press Association.

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